

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of November 4, 2016
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

EPA Meeting with San Francisco Mayor and Supervisor to Discuss Hunters Point Naval Shipyard: Enrique Manzanilla and others from SFD are meeting today (November 3rd) with Mayor Edwin Lee and Supervisor Malia Cohen regarding the Navy contractor Tetra Tech falsification of radiological test results. The agenda is to 1) receive clarity from the EPA and the Navy regarding how the new allegations will be addressed, and 2) to get briefed on the revised scope, timeline, and budget for addressing the allegations. Others expected attendees include the Navy, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, San Francisco Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure, and San Francisco Department of Public Health. Laura Duchnak, Director of the national Navy Base Realignment and Closure Program Management Office, plan to discuss the Navy's plan to hire a third party independent contractor to develop a workplan to scan and collect samples at potentially affected portions of the Shipyard in the next 10-16 months. (Contact: Lily Lee, x7-4187, Jackie Lane, x2-3236).

Fruitland Magnesium Fire, Maywood, CA: Site preparation activities have been completed including the construction of a 20 foot high debris screen along the residential property border. EPA cleanup contractors are segregating solid and hazardous waste from debris piles and CalRecycle contractors have begun off-site transportation and disposal of solid wastes. Solid wastes are being hauled to Chiquita Canyon Sanitary Landfill. (Contact: Jason Musante 213-479-2120).





Tronox Settlement: Six Additional Navajo Area Uranium Mine Sites Funded: This week Region 9 made the determination after discussion with Navajo Nation, that is it appropriate to add six Navajo Area Uranium sites (Brodie 1 (191), Henry Phillips Mine (286), Knife Edge Mine (428), Mesa I 1/2, West Mesa (288), Mesa II Pit (287), Mesa IV West Mine (101)) to the **49 designated sites** listed in the Tronox Settlement. This determination allows Tronox funds to be spent on the assessment and cleanup of these six mines previously not funded. Region 9 made this determination in accordance with the Settlement that states that Tronox settlement funds allocated to “Navajo Area Uranium Mines” may be spent on any **other** uranium mines or uranium mining exploration Sites on Attachment B that US EPA Region 9, after discussions with Navajo Nation, determines may have an impact on or within the Navajo Nation. (Contact: Chip Poalinelli, x2-3390).

Bonita Peak Mining District Community Meeting with Navajo Chapter Officials (Shiprock, N.M.): David Yogi, Priscilla Tom, and Sona Chilingaryan and representatives from Region 8 met with Shiprock Chapter President Duane Yazzie and Council Delegate Tom Chee on November 1 to discuss the agenda and preparations for the November 17 public meeting at the Shiprock Chapter House on the Bonita Peak Mining District. Deliberative Process (b) (5)

Information on EPA's work to address abandoned uranium mines throughout Navajo Nation, New Mexico, and Arizona, in addition to general information about health effects of and reducing exposure to uranium will be shared with attendees. Meeting will be held in an "open house" style format allowing for attendees to interact with officials directly and learn at their own pace. Navajo interpreters and EPA staff fluent in Navajo will be present to interact with residents. (Contact: David Yogi, x2-3350).

Triple Site (Sunnyvale, CA): The first winter sampling event at the Personal Privacy (b) (7) (C) is scheduled for this week. Sampling earlier this year during the spring/summer/fall had been reduced to quarterly, based on previous monthly sampling results that confirmed the effectiveness of the ventilation system at maintaining acceptable indoor air quarterly. During this winter, however, sampling will be increased to monthly out of precaution. (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242).

Significant Items for Next Week

Del Amo/Montrose Community Involvement (Los Angeles County, CA): Yolanda Sanchez, Yariisa Martinez, Ray Chavira, Tu Nguyen, Russell Mechem, and David Yogi will travel to host a Community “Open House” Event on November 9 at the Holiday Inn. This informal event will be organized as multiple “booths” or “poster sessions” to allow people to learn about all aspects of the Superfund sites at their own pace. This structure also allows people to have one-on-one conversations with EPA Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) about the cleanup work. EPA had a variety of updates for the Del Amo & Montrose Superfund Sites. (Contact: Yolanda Sanchez, x2-3880)

United Heckathorn: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

Preceding the meeting will be a boat tour of the site on November 8. (Contact: Karen Jurist, x2-3219)

RRT9 - Mainland Meeting, Reno, NV: Staff and managers will attend the mainland RRT meeting next week, co-hosted by the USCG District 11 and including State and Federal agency representatives from NV, AZ and CA operational area. Presentations will cover oil spill response planning activities (especially regarding spills from pipelines and rail cars), chemical facility response planning updates, report out on NVs contaminated livestock exercise and agency report outs. EPA will also host special sessions on geographic response planning including discussions on efforts along the Feather River in CA, Colorado River in CA/AZ and the Humboldt River in NV.

PBF Refinery Torrance CA: Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

Central Valley Mercury Training, Bakersfield, Kern Co., CA: OSC Wise and the START are providing "Mercury Response and Cleanup" training to agencies in the Central Valley including Bakersfield Fire Department, Kern County Fire Department, Fresno Health Department and

Madera County Fire Department. Los Angeles City Water Shed Protection is also sending representatives to Bakersfield to take the course. (Contact: Robert Wise, 562-733-0466).

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Division Director Schedule: Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

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